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1. SECRETATRY'S TRIP. PRAVDA ANNOUNCES WITHOUT COMMENT THE
SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE YESTERDAY FROM WASHINGTON TO PEKING FOR AN
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OFFICIAL VISIT, NOTING THAT HE WILL BE IN THE LATTER CITY UNTIL

OCTOBER 23.

2. U.S.-SOVIET. PRAVDA CARRIES A REPORT BY STREL'NIKOV FROM SALT LAKE CITY ON THE TRAVLES OF THE SOVIET COSMONAUTS, QUOTING AT LENGTH FROM A PRO-DETENTE SPEECH BY SENATOR MOSS. IZVESTIYA PRINTS A REPORT BY KOBYSH FROM CAPITOL HILL ON MOOD IN CONGRESS. SENATOR PERCY QUOTED AS SAYING THAT MFN SITUATION FOR SOVIET UNION NOW "DISAPPOINTING"; EFFORTS TO OBTAIN PASSAGE ARE CONTINUING, PERCY ALLEGEDLY SAID, BUT UNLIKELY THAT SITUATION WILL "NORMALIZE" IN THE NEAR FUTURE. OTHER SENATORS QUOTED IN PRO-DETENTE REMARKS, SENATORS THURMOND AND STEVENSON IN ANTI-DETENTE REMARKS. PRAVDA REPORTS WITHOUT COMMENT SALT SESSION OCTOBER 17 IN GENEVA.

3. ASIA. IZVESTIYA COMMENTARY BY MATVEYEV SAYS DOMESTIC PROBLEMS STILL DIFFICULT IN THE PHILIPPINES, BUT THAT THE MARCOS GOVERNMENT TURNING IN RIGHT DIRECTION IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, NOTING REESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH CUBA AND NEW EMBASSY IN HANOI. HE SAYS INTERNAL PRESSURE IN THE PHILIPPINES NOW BUILDING TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION. PRAVDA LIGHTLY CHASTIZES PHILIPPINES FOR JOINT MILITARY MANEUVERS WITH U.S., CONTINUING U.S. BASE PRESENCE. CHINESE REP IN THE U.N. IS ACCUSED BY PRAVDA OF CAUSING A "SCANDALOUS SCENE" IN ATTACK ON WORLD PEACE COUNCIL PRESENTATION OF HONORARY MEDAL TO U.N. COMMITTEE ON DECOLONIZATION. IZVESTIYA CARRIES UNFAVORABLE PIECE ON DOMESTIC SITUATION IN JAPAN, CENTERING ON EFFORTS TO KEEP SCANDAL SURROUNDING TANAKA RESIGNATION QUITE.

4. MIDDLE EAST. IZVESTIYA AND PRAVDA REPORT THAT A PENTAGON SPOKESMAN HAS FOR FIRST TIME OFFICIALYY CONFIRMED THAT LANCE MISSILE WILL BE DELIVERED TO ISRAEL. REPORTS NOTES THAT ALL SUCH MISSILES IN AMERICAN HANDS ARE EQUIPPED WITH NUCLEAR WARHEADS,, AND QUOTE AP SPECULATION THAT DELIVERY WILL INVOLVE UP TO 150 MISSILES. TASS ITEM IN PRAVDA SAYS THAT LEBANESE GOVERNMENT GIVING FAVORABLE CONSIDERABLE TO A PLO MEMO ON LATTER ORGANIZATION'S RELATIONS WITH LEBANESE GOVERNMENT. PRAVDA QUOTES FROM A JORDANIAN PAPER (AD-DUSTUR -- PHONETIC) THAT ISRAELS ARE FORCING PALESTINIAN REPS IN GAZA TO PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL ASSEMBLIES. PRAVDA IN REPORT ON CZECH PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO LIBYA QUOTES FROM COMMUNIQUE THAT "THE (LIBYAN AND CZECH GOVERNMENTS) CONSIDER THAT ANY ATTEMPTS TO REACH SEPARATE AGREEMENTS WITH ISRAEL UNCLASSIFIED

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BRING HARM TO THE GENERAL PROCESS OF REGULARIZING THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM AND ENSURING PROVISION OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINAIN PEOPLE." IN FURTHER APPARENT QUOTE FROM THE COMMUNIQUE, PRAVDA SAYS THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS "EXPRESS SERIOUS CONCERN IN CONNECTION WITH THE MILITARY, MATERIAL, AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BEING PROVIDING BY IMPERIALISTS FORCES TO THE AGGRESSIVE ZIONIST REGIME IN ISRAEL".

5. EUROP. ALL CENTRAL PRESS DEVOTES EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO SOVIET-FRENCH SUMMIT (SEPTELS). PRAVDA AND KRASNAYA ZVEZDA ANNOUNCE THAT ITALIAN PRESIDENT LEONE WILL MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION IN THE SECOND HALF OF NOVEMBER. PRAVDA REPORTS WITHOUT COMMENT THAT THE NOBEL PRIZE FOR ECONOMICS HAS BEEN AWARDED TO SOVIET ECONOMIST KANTOROVICH AND AN AMERICAN ECONOMIST FOR WORK IN DEVELOPING THE THEORY OF OPTIMUM RESOURCE USE. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA REPORTS UNDER HEADLINE "INDICISIVE DECISON" THAT GREEK PREMIER KRAMANLIS TOLD HIS PARLIAMENT THAT GREEK BREAK WITH NATO WAS CAUSED BY CYPRUS SITUATION, AND IF CYPRUS SITUATION NORMALIZED, GREECE WOULD REEXAMINE ITS POSITION. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA UNDER ANOTHER UNFAVORABLE HEADLINE ALSO REPORTS RECONVENING OF U.S.-SPANISH NEGOTIATIONS ON BASE RIGHTS.
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